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For: Support Structure For A Spare Tire On A Vehicle

Docket No.: 27735-11

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 21, 2007, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.